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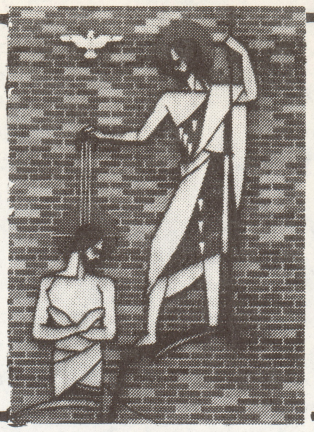
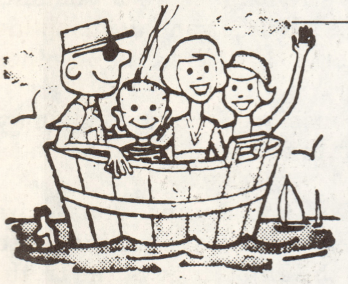


## ST· JOHN'S PARISH FESTIVAL TODAY
## 11:00 A·M· — 6:00 P·M·
## MOOSE PARK ON STONEY CREEK ROAD —— OFF WHITTAKER ROAD
## COME AND JOIN THE FUN



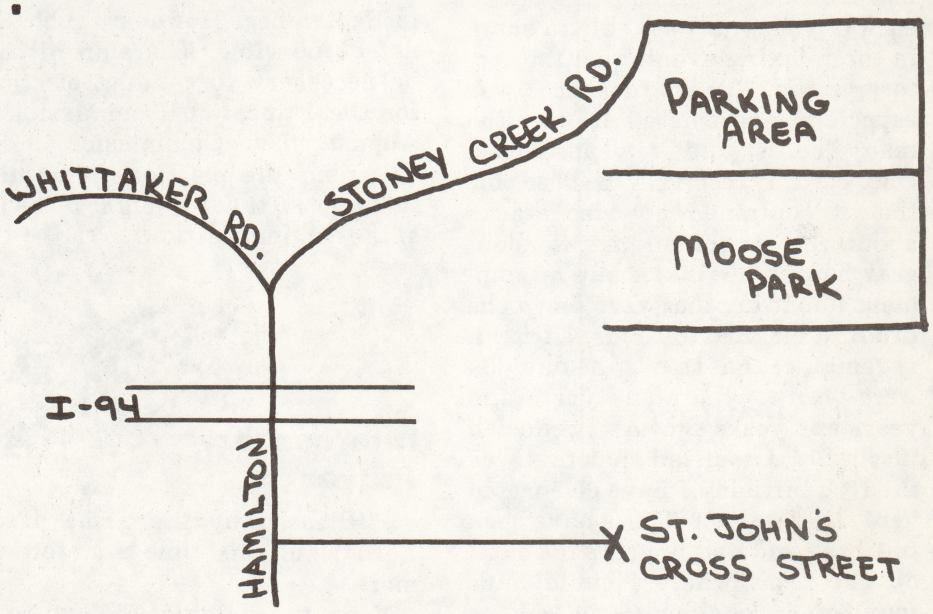
**Bring the whole family...**

This parish event can be a tremendous opportunity to become more acquainted with one another, especially for those who have recently joined our parish as new members.

Won't you come and join the workers so that all their efforts won't be in vain? We are looking forward to your joining in the festivities and a day to remember.

Festival Committee

This is the day toward which so many have been working - and now it is finally here. We hope that many of you will take advantage of a day of fun and frolic - come and have a picnic with us - we will have food on the grounds or perhaps you would rather bring your own. There will be children's games, Airplane Rides, Bingo, Gambling and other interesting events. Have a gala day for yourself and your friends. We are hoping for sunshine, but there will be tents in case of rain. Festival tickets can be turned in on the grounds if you still have them. Thanks to all of you who have been calling and offering your help on the festival.




## Life At The Crossroads

**Dear Friends:**

When I came to St. John's last August, you made me welcome: remember that first Sunday when you greeted me after Mass? You were so warm and friendly. How could I not like being with you? We had some good times together, and this gave me a chance to know some of you better. I was having a hard time remembering names, but you were patient about that. And now the eleven months have passed, and I am moving on like some nomad who has shared the changing seasons with his companions on the road. I like to think that I have reached a crossroad here, and the direction I take is crucial for me. One gets tired of moving here, moving there. And after twenty-one years in the priesthood, I have moved nine times, met numbers of people in church, at weddings, funerals, picnics, dances, etc. No, I

do not wish to forget you, and I ask for a little prayer now and then lest you forget me too. Perhaps we will meet again somewhere.

When September rolls around, I will be living in Worcester, Massachusetts where I will be taking a course in Clinical Pastoral Education. After this one year program, I will return to the Lansing Diocese for assignment by Bishop Povish as a chaplain in one of the many hospitals we have in this Diocese. So in parting I say 'Thank You' and let us praise the Lord for his blessings upon us.

Fr. Jim Burns

## Just A Word...

*by Fr. Harvey*

It's not easy to forget birthdays here at St. John's - though I'm beginning to think it might not be a bad idea. But birthdays are also a reasonable excuse for a party and lots of fun. That's what happened last Tuesday evening - thanks to each of you who were able to share in the relaxing evening on the rectory patio. Your presence was especially appreciated as were the many cards and remembrances. One card I received assured me that it contained no wise cracks about age, no snide remarks about gray hair and wrinkles and no comment about another year down the drain. It claimed to be just a friendly reminder that this is the day you were born ... years and years and years and years ago! As I reflected just a bit, I realized that this was the 10th birthday I have celebrated here at St. John's. These have been fulfilling and happy years for me. I do not know where I could have found more challenges as well as more cooperation and support.

It's difficult to single out individuals for special thanks. The hardworking members of the Parish Activities Commission should receive special commendation for the planning and preparation details. The high school boys who work at the rectory stayed till the very end and assisted with clean-up. Extras were required of the maintenance staff and pastoral team. My sincere gratitude to each of you.

Last Monday evening, the Parish Council members elected a new president and vice-president. Richard Ouellette became president of the Council for 1977-78. Frank Greiner was elected vice-president. A secretary remains to be appointed by the president. I would hope that all parishioners not only feel free but sense a responsibility for being in contact with the Council officers and members throughout the year when suggestions, ideas and criticisms could benefit our parish community.

According to the revised guidelines for Education Commissions issued recently by the Diocesan Office of Education, it is necessary to elect parishioners to serve on that parish body. We have done so in the past but had planned to form the Education Commission as the other four Commissions are constituted from the Time and Talent Survey conducted each year in September. However, such will not be possible. Therefore, it will be necessary to conduct elections for the Education Commission in August. The Commission itself, will plan the election. I mention this now so that we might be aware of the coming election.

## Intercessory Prayer

"Blessed by the name of the Lord from this time and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens."

My Lord, I look at you and I see a God of love, a God of hope and a God of mercy. My Lord, you are the source of all goodness and we your people look to you in faith. Knowing that you will take care of your people, we thank you for sending us Father Burns only for a little while. But what you have given us through Father Jim will remain with us. We will miss him but we rejoice in his service to you. May God's peace be with him wherever he may be led to serve you.

Thank you Lord for our parish team and new Council members, may they serve you faithfully.

**Lord, we pray:**

For our sick and those who suffer.

For the aged and shut-ins.

For the annual festival today, give us good weather.

For those who have vowed to love each other for life in marriage: Joseph and Florecita, Mickey and Judy.

Always remember your commitment to each other and Jesus guide you through life, there is no other way.

For those who have died, may they rest in the radiance of heavens light.

Our God and Savior, you desire your people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and your people, the man Christ Jesus.

May His peace, the peace of the risen Savior be with all of us now and forever.

Praise Jesus
David Rocha

## Scripture Readings

**Sunday, July 17, 1977**
First Reading - Gen 18:1-10
Second Reading - Col 1:24-28
Gospel - Luke 10:38-42
**Sunday, July 24, 1977**
First Reading - Gen 18:20-32
Second Reading - Col 2:12-14
Gospel - Luke 11:1-13

**Young family needs home**
**Call 482-1864 around 9 p.m.**

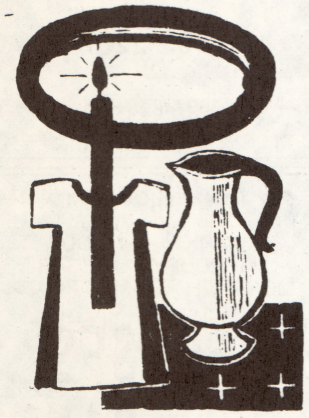
## Education Commission Election

Nominations are now being taken for membership on St. John's Education Commission. According to the new regulations handed down by the Diocesan Education Office in Lansing, all parishes must have parish-wide elections.

The Education Commission is to be composed of at least six and not more than twelve elected members. On August 7 we will be electing four members.

If you are interested in the total education of the parish and would like to serve on this commission, please contact:

**Nancy DeVooght - 487-9138**
**Doreen Binder - 483-3932**
**Roger Washburn - 434-2894**



## New Life in Christ

The following infants received the first Sacrament of Christian Initiation as they were baptized by Fr. Harvey:

**Charlotte Amy Christopher,** daughter of John P. and Judith L. (Winters) Christopher, 424 N. Huron St. Charlotte was baptized on Saturday, July 9, 1977. Her godparents are John and Alice Kearney.

Welcomed during the Baptismal Liturgy on Sunday, July 10, 1977 were:

**Jacquiline Estandian De Los Reyes,** daughter of Wilfredo and Josefina (Estandian) De Los Reyes, 2701 Foster. Her sponsors are Claro Recto and Teresita Balza.

**Mark Christopher Doe,** son of Mark Edwin and Mary Terese (L'Amoreaux) Doe, 47001 Watersedge, Belleville. Mark's sponsors in the faith are Peter L'Amoreaux and Rebecca Davenport.

**Eric Edward Jerger,** son of Douglas and Mary (Desimpel) Jerger, 727 N. Harris. Eric's godparents are Douglas Fairbanks and Suzanne Wendt.

May they keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts! Happy parenting to these new fathers and mothers.

## Needed Parent Aides

**Who? You,** if you're a mature, warm, caring person who is now or has been a successful parent.

**What?** Be a non-critical, supportive **friend** to a family who abuses or neglects its children.

**Why?** Some people were mistreated as children and don't know how to handle their own kids any differently. Others feel isolated from friends and society and take their frustrations out on their kids. To prevent further abuse of children, Catholic Social Services is now recruiting and training people to be Parent Aides who will be a **friend, teacher, and model to abusive parents.**

Aides will be trained and supervised.

Travel will be reimbursed.

**Time:** Approximately 3-4 hours a week for a one year commitment spent in direct contact with a troubled family.

For information or an application, contact Sara Gibb, Catholic Social Services, 484-1260.

## Financial Barometer

**Sunday, July 11, 1977**

Sunday Offering ..... $3,223.50
Parish Improvement ..... $70.00

## Mass Schedules

**Monday, July 18 - Weekday**
7:00 a.m. Eleonora C. Hutting Anniv., req. by Mrs. George Max
2:30 p.m. Harold Barlow, req. by Stachlewitz Family

**Tuesday, July 19 - Weekday**
7:00 a.m. Joseph Vigo, req. by James Pinsoneau;t

**Wednesday, July 20 - Weekday**
7:00 a.m. Charles Parsons, req. by Wife

**Thursday, July 21 - St. Laurence of Brindisi**
7:00 a.m. Vera Heim, req. by Carl & Bette Koenig

**Friday, July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene**
7:00 a.m. Henry & Eva Kutzner, req. by Estate

**Saturday, July 23 - Blessed Virgin Mary**
9:00 a.m. Clarence E. Dunkelberger, req. by Bob & Joan Gillman
5:00 p.m. Henry & Hillard Zeininger, req. by Mrs. Zeninger

**Sunday, July 24**
7:00 a.m. Elsie Paffel, req. by Ruth Newberry
9:00 a.m. Craig Bernard, req. by Hilda Mequet
11:00 a.m. Joseph Ferraro - 12th Anniv. & Desire Hancotte - 1st Anniv., req. by Hazel Ferraro
12:30 p.m. For the Parishioners

## Wedding Banns

III - Robert E.Wenzinger and Susan M. Marfek

II - David Stachlewitz and Cheryl Seabert

II - Carlos Melendez and Sharon Richards

## Help Needed

Help is desperately needed at Parkview Nursing home on Monday afternoons from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. If you are interested in visiting and assisting wheelchair patients to Mass, please call Ethel O'Connor at 482-7952.

**It's nice to be nice!**

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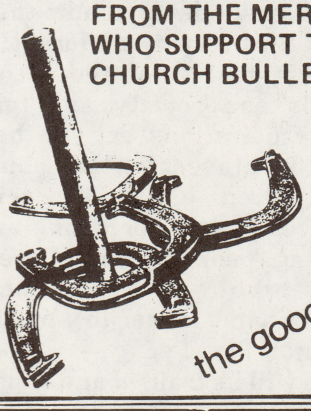
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